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REMARKS

Claim 24 has been amended to include the epitaxial growth step of claim 26 which has been withdrawn.

Neither Abe et al. nor Yamazaki et al. show this further step as the Examiner appears to acknowledge by not mentioning it.

Allowance of claim 24 and 25 is requested. Allowance of claims 13-23 is acknowledged with thanks.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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